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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 022101-002700US
Client Ref. No.: 19027/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter Vischer

Application No.: 10/033,424

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING A
NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE BY
OSCILLATING A CARTRIDGE, A
SYSTEM AND A CARTRIDGE FOR
PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9274

Examiner: Chunduru, Suryaprabha

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.